Amendments To the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any cancelled claims at a later date.

1.-16. (cancelled)

17. (new) A method for defining parameters that are to be used for transmitting data between a first user and a second user, the method comprising:

    providing for each user a number of votes of the votes to be cast for the selection of parameters; and

    determining by a decision unit, according to a predetermined voting method, in view of the number of votes, which parameters are to be used by the users for transmitting data.

18. (new) The method according to claim 17, wherein

    a decision unit determines which protocol options are to be used by the users for the transmission of data, in accordance with a predetermined voting method and in view of the number of votes.

19. (new) The method according to claim 17, wherein

    a decision unit determines, in accordance with a predetermined voting method, in view of the number of votes, which functionalities are to be activated by which users.

20. (new) The method according to claim 17, the method further comprising:

    defining for the transmission of data at least one of a bit rate, a data format, TFO codec mode parameters.

21. (new) The method according to claim 17, the method further comprising:

    determining the maximum number of parameters that can be used as the minimum number of parameters that can be used by the users.

22. (new) The method according to claim 17, the method further comprising:

    determining the number of votes of a user depending on the number of parameters proposed by the user or weighting of the proposed parameters.

23. (new) The method according to claim 17, the method further comprising:

    selecting parameters first for the user with highest number of votes.

24. (new) The method according to claim 17, the method further comprising:

    making a selection from the parameters of a user in accordance with a predetermined sequence.

25. (new) The method according to claim 24, the method further comprising:

    selecting first the lowest or highest mode from the parameters proposed by this user.

26. (new) The method according to claim 17, the method further comprising:

    performing further voting for parameters in accordance with a predetermined method.

27. (new) The method according to claim 26, the method further comprising:

    performing the further voting for parameters in accordance with a predetermined method in accordance with DeHondt or StLague/Schepers.

28. (new) The method according to claim 17, wherein the parameters that are used are AMR codec modes for a mobile radio transmission using TFO.

29. (new) The method according to claim 17, the method further comprising:

    providing for all users a decision unit, the decision unit using the same method for defining the parameters to be used for the transmission of data between the users.

30. (new) The method according to claim 17, wherein one decision unit is deciding for all users.

31. (new) The method according to claim 17, wherein a plurality of decision units which are assigned to the users are deciding for one or more users.

32. (new) An apparatus for defining parameters that are to be used for transmitting data between a first user and at least one second user, the apparatus comprising:

    a mechanism for providing a number of votes of the votes to be cast for the selection of parameters, for each user; and

a decision unit for a decision, according to a predetermined voting method, in view of the number of votes, which parameters are to be used by the users for transmitting data.

33. (new) The apparatus according to claim 32, wherein the apparatus is part of a transcoder.

34. (new) The apparatus according to claim 32, wherein the apparatus is part of a Base Station Subsystem.

35. (new) The apparatus according to claim 32, wherein the apparatus is part of a Radio Network Controller.

36. (new) The apparatus according to claim 32, wherein the apparatus is part of a mobile radio terminal.